

St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023



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9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Friday

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday: 12:05 PM (LiveStreamed)
(10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)

Saturday Vigil — *Suspended Indefinitely*

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
(All Masses are LiveStreamed
on masslivestream.com)

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The Call to Continuing Conversion Ceremony

Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul

with

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Theodore Baker, Candidate

Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday
Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786



Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez Grants Dispensation from the Obligation to Abstain from Meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick


The Memorial of Saint Patrick (March 17th) falls on a Friday during the Season of Lent this year.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia announces that Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, in accord with the Code of Canon Law (canon 87), has granted a dispensation to all Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick – Friday, March 17th, 2023.

The Catholic Bishops of the United States prescribe as part of a minimal penitential obligation that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent.

In certain circumstances, such as the coincidence of Saint Patrick’s Day and a Friday of Lent, the Diocesan Bishop may grant a dispensation from this obligation. However, if a Catholic makes the choice not to abstain from meat, then some other penance of choice is to be observed in honor of the passion and death of our Lord on the cross.


Saint Patrick’s Day, recalls the memory of this missionary Apostle to Ireland; his preaching of the Faith; and his encouragement to live authentic Christian lives. Faithful throughout the Archdiocese may observe March 17, 2023 by choosing a penitential act other than abstaining from meat.



Stations of the Cross
Friday Evenings During Lent ♦ 7:00 P.M.
 Come, walk, and meditate on the Way of the Cross
 Zoom ID: 5590497986 PW: 7139



Spring Clean Up and Flower Planting & Mulching
 The Friends of Old City will be holding their **Annual Spring Cleanup and Flower Planting on Saturday, March 25, 2023** from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. This year we will meet in the parking lot at Saint Augustine Church. The plantings (and mulching) will be for the planters along the 4th and Vine Streets blocks. The cleanup will entail areas north of the Ben Franklin Bridge. All supplies and tools will be provided. This is a valuable community event that helps enhance our neighborhood significantly. If you are interested in helping, please see the signup sheet in the back of the church on the glass counter.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 5, 2023
 9:00 AM
 11:00 AM † Joseph Davey
 7:00 PM

Monday, March 6, 2023
 12:05 PM † Patricia Smith

Tuesday, March 7, 2023
 12:05 PM † Patricia Smith


Wednesday, March 8, 2023
 12:05 PM † Patricia Smith

Thursday, March 9, 2023
 12:05 PM The Parish Community

Friday, March 10, 2023
 12:05 PM

Saturday, March 11, 2023


† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News
Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
 Pledges: 216 Percentage: 107.2233%
 Amount Pledged: \$804,174.68
 Pledges Received: \$747,384.68
 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$757,822.39

Sacrificial Giving
February 26, 2023
 Number of Envelopes Used: 20
 Amount in Envelopes: \$1,975.00
 Average \$/Envelope: \$98.75
 Electronic Giving: 40
 Amount Electronic: \$1,250.00
 Average \$/Electronic: \$31.25
 Loose Money: \$702.00
 Total Collection: \$3,927.00

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Monday, March 6, 2023

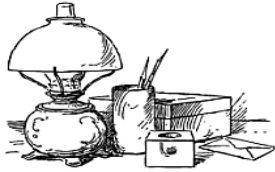
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB
 7:00 PM Lenten Series on the Creed -Zoom

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
 7:00 PM Parish Finance Council—Zoom

Thursday, March 9, 2023
 7:00 PM Lenten Reflection on Our Art
 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, March 10, 2023
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross—Zoom

Saturday, March 11, 2023
 10:00 AM Steering Committee—Zoom



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

In my letter last week, I shared with you that at the 11.00 AM Mass last Sunday we celebrated the “Rite of Sending the Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop and for the Call to Continuing Conversion.” This is a fancy title for saying that after Ted Baker, a Candidate from St. Augustine Parish, has become more familiar with the Catholic Church and has shared in our community life, now desires to be fully initiated with us. This means he now requests to make a Profession of Faith to the Catholic Church and wishes to be Confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time. At the 11:00 Mass last weekend, his sponsor, Ryan Langton, told the community that he considers Ted ready to be fully initiated with us. Thus, the community “sent Ted forth” to Archbishop Pérez to be officially recognized as a Candidate for full communion with the Catholic Church.

You will see on the cover of this bulletin a picture of Ted with Archbishop Pérez at the ceremony last Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica. Ted’s wife, Kharisma, his sponsor, Ryan, our parish representative to the process, Patrick Lanza and I accompanied Ted.

In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia this year, there are over 400 Catechumens (those never baptized) and Candidates (those baptized in a different Christian religion). There were three ceremonies last weekend entitled “Rite of Election and of the Call of Continuing Conversion.”

It was very impressive to participate in one of the three ceremonies. The Cathedral Basilica was full. Most of the Catechumens and Candidates were young adults. This is a real sense of life and hope for the Church.

If there are 400 Catechumens and Candidates in Philadelphia, I wonder how many there are in the entire country. I wonder how many there are in the entire world.

We hear and experience so many negative things about our society today. It is important to share such positive news about which we did not read or hear in the public media. I am thrilled to share this news with you.

Please keep Ted and the other Catechumens and Candidates in prayer. Also, if you know anyone who you think would like to be part of this process, please have them be in touch with me,

Have a great Second Week of Lent.

Fr. Bill





The Art of St. Augustine's *A Lenten Reflection*

Join us for three Thursday evenings in Lent to contemplate, discuss, and learn more about the three altar paintings.

Parishioner Chesley Turner will lead each evening, which will include scripture reading, St. Augustine's history, art historical analysis, and discussion, as we revisit three significant moments in our Salvation History.

*Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 PM
The Wedding at Cana*

*Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 PM
The Last Supper*

*Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 PM
The Crucifixion*

No RSVP necessary. Come to just one or come to all three! Each evening will last about an hour. No cost for entry. All are welcome.

St. Augustine Parish, Phila.

Presents:

Everything you always wanted to know about ~~SC~~ The Creed

* But were afraid to ask

How do we
know Jesus
rose again?"

What is an
"apostolic"
Church?

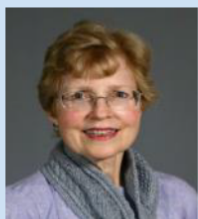
Is there more
than one baptism?

WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CREED?

Submit your questions and join us this Lent for Part II of our ongoing series when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the "Creed." Join us and our special guests via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!



2/28 "For our sake he was crucified . . ." - Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., D.Min., Director of Pastoral Services, National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia - Register at the link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qcemsqD4sGtFsRYUe7LSfYWD0HDUfMxw>



3/7 "He ascended into heaven . . . He will come again . . ." - Dr. Janet Haggerty, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theology, College Seminary and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Theological Seminary, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary - Register at the link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvdeGtqj8rH9SMqZZhQ9cHpXh5G84rxCRs>



3/14 "I believe in the Holy Spirit . . ." - Rev. Jason Buck, MA, M.Div, Dean of Men, College Seminary, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary - Register at the link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvcOyggT0iHdFoAR375XgKXEsf6pAszPh>



3/21 "I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church" - Rev. Thomas F. Dailey, O.S.F.S., John Cardinal Foley Chair of Homiletics & Social Communications, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary - Register at the link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclcO-hqT4qHdRxtB6UIZ0T7lWYXc7YyIFK>



3/28 "I confess one baptism . . ." - Dr. Joseph T. Kelley, Ph.D., D.Min., Professor of Religious and Theological Studies, Merrimack College - Register at the link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMocO6gpzlrHNOLYxpmYRZndRVklTkQiz2C>



4/4 "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead . . ." plus "Wrap up of the 10 sessions on the Creed" - Rev. G. Dennis Gill, S.L.L., M.Div., Director, Office for Divine Worship and Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia - Register at the link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcyvrqj8iHNY01U6QmpfVjDoYO9YvU04>

For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at: staugustineparish09@gmail.com or call (215) 627-1838
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Comments from previous sessions:

Good morning, Father Dennis!

I am re-reading the seven pages (!!) of notes I took last night during your presentation on the Creed. So very helpful - especially because tonight I introduce the sacrament of Confirmation to my 6th grade PREP students. You brought out the importance of the Creed and I will want to begin with that - especially the rejection of Satan and the awareness that God is Father and Son and Holy Spirit. I listened carefully at Mass today and at the final blessing the priest said: ... Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Your explanation made a great impression on me. Of course another problem that occurs - and happens with frequency - is the priest celebrant saying, "May Almighty God bless US. . . "

Thank you for such a clearly presented input session. I hope the upcoming presentations will be as good - or as close to being as good as yours!!!!

Blessings on your day!

Marganne

Hi Father Bill,

I have not had an opportunity to "tune-in" the last two Tuesday evenings to the Creed presentations. I took a walk this afternoon and listened to Session 1 with Fr Gill. It was outstanding! He could not have been more articulate and succinct explaining the Creed, its history, and why we profess and believe what it contains. His talk inspires one to seek more, yet I feel I know so much with just that one hour. Thank you and Brother Jacob for coordinating and Fr. Gill for taking the time to put such a fantastic presentation together. Finally, I am grateful you posted this on YouTube or I would have truly missed out! I look forward to catching up with Session 2. *Brian Halpin*

The Advent Series continues to be a wonderful learning and inspirational experience as we prepare for Jesus' arrival. Thanks to the presenters and everyone at St. Augustine Parish who make it possible.

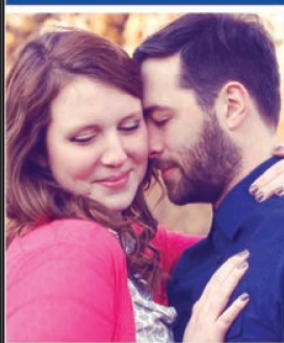
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